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HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka, Superintendent

Electronic
Edition

Fortune smiles on Division 7...No fewer than five former supers are still active in the operation and direction of our division. The NMRA President is one of those as is the Vice President of the Mid-Central Region. Frank Koch is the newly appointed CFO/Treasurer, NMRA AP Assistant Manager and Mid-Central Region AP Manager. Several Division 7 members are national clinicians and several more are undeniably some of the finest modelers in the nation. On the local scene, we are blessed with many members who are passionately involved with the day-to-day and special-event operations of Division 7. Without these folks Division 7 would most assuredly be just a mediocre division. Having noted all this, we are always looking for more members who would like to step up and play a bigger role in our activities. Getting "involved" is the best way to get the most out of your Division 7 experience. Opening your layout after a meeting or giving a clinic is a good start. In 2012 we will need a new Treasurer as Jim Stewart "terms out". As Jim puts it, "...no criminal record and the ability to count to ten are prerequisites for the job." Let me know!

No repeat of the "record" 16-minute business meeting of June 27th... The meeting on August 8th went the full 45 minutes. Trying to keep the business" portion of the meetings brief so we can get to the fun stuff is a work in progress. Verbose members please take note. ☺

Something new...I am looking forward to the Inaugural Meeting of the Lebanon Sub-Division on September 16th. The BOD has sanctioned these "extra" monthly meetings for those of us who just can't get enough model railroading in our lives! There will be no Division business conducted at these meetings. These meetings will feature an open category model Show and Tell. Modelers are invited to bring any models they have been working on and share with others techniques and materials used. A gift certificate from a local hobby shop will be awarded for the "Model of the Month", as selected by attendees. A "What's New in the Hobby Shop" presentation will also be made by an area model shop representative. Look for more information in the Oil Can.

High fashion duds from Division 7...Division 7 Golf shirts are now on sale at the Company Store. Steel gray with black logos is what the patrons of the Store have generally agreed looks the coolest... so gray and black it is. Of course, you are certainly welcome to wear whatever color you already have (some of us still have a bunch of the old blue and white CL2005 shirts), but at the Company Store you will only find the latest hot color in model railroading and Division 7 couture

Helpful information from Pat Homan, Modeler's Aid Chair..."Modeler's Aid", always willing to help or something, has conducted a strenuous search of the staff and identified the following generous folks to help with DCC issues. It seems that DCC questions are generally specific to a specific system so the individuals who volunteered wanted to make it clear that they know their system but not others ...so much for standardization.

DIGITRAX - contact Rick Stern (who really knows the system).

NCE - Bruce Knapp

Easy DCC (Keith Guiterez's system) - Peter Weiglin"

?? See you in September... ??

(Happenings, 1966 Wounded Bird Records)

Randy



SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve, Asst. Superintendent

Our monthly meeting in August was at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. Allen McClelland, MMR, presented a program describing how model railroading has changed over the past 6 decades. After the meeting, Jim Stewart and Paul Miklos welcomed visitors to their layouts.

In September, we will travel south to Kentucky. The meeting will be at the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Devou Park. Museum admission is free to members attending the meeting. The museum is open from 1 to 5, so come early. Tell the people at the reception desk you are there for the railroad club meeting. It will be helpful to the museum personnel (although not required) if you wear your Division 7 nametag. Look for the directions to the museum elsewhere in this copy of the Oil Can. Bob Weinheimer; MMR will describe "Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern". Bob Adams will have his layout open after the meeting.

The location and clinician for the October meeting have both changed from the previous schedule. The meeting is still scheduled on October 10th but the location will be St Susanna Church in Mason. Mike Brestel will give a presentation on "C & O Coal Hauling Lines in West Virginia". Bob Lawson's clinic on structure building has been pushed back into 2011. Bob Lawson will still have his layout open after the meeting. Sam Parfitt will also be open for our viewing pleasure.

On October 23rd and 24th, we will have our annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School. There will be lots of opportunities for you to help make the show a success. Watch for sign-up sheets at upcoming meetings.

In November, the meeting will be at the old Ross High School, the current home of several model railroad clubs. Allen McClelland, MMR will make a return visit and talk about ways to make your railroad rights of way look more realistic.

December will be our annual potluck picture show and snack fest at the Westwood United Methodist Church. Start collecting your pictures now. Show us the places you've been and the things you've seen. The plan will be to support both 35mm slides and electronic format.

The schedule for the remainder of 2010 and the first half of 2011 is included in this copy of the Oil Can. There are many slots open for clinicians and layout visits. Anyone wishing to try their hand at presenting a clinic (either full or mini) or hosting a layout visit should contact me to discuss the details. We are always on the lookout for new, undiscovered layouts, evolving layouts, and home - grown clinicians.

Bob

Congratulations to the National Contest Winners

Sam Swanson: Not only did Sam take **1st Place** for Non-Revenue Scratch Built with his HO Barnhart Log Loader but he also won the **Bachmann Innovation Award** and the **GOLD AWARD** for **BEST OF SHOW**.

Phil Gliebe: Phil took **1st Place** for Kit Class Steam with his Narrow Gauge Climax and also **1st Place** for Kit Class Passenger Cars with his Branchline Rail Car.

Cincinnati Northern Model RR Club: Took **1st Place** Group Modules with their Club Sectional Layout.

Way to go guys !



Fiction and Fact from Don's Almanac

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. – 2010/2011 Program Schedule

Note: All Dates, Times and events are subject to change. Check back often for changes.
All REGULAR meetings start at 2:00 PM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>
9/12/10	South Behringer-Crawford Museum	“Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern” Bob Weinheimer, MMR	Museum Layout Bob Adams
10/10/10	North St. Susanna Church - Mason	‘West Virginia Coal Lines’ Mike Brestal	Bob Lawson Sam Parfitt
10/23- 24/10	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS – W. Chester	No Program or Speaker	Show Layouts
11/14/10	Far North West Old Ross School - Ross, Oh	“Railroad-Rights-ofd-Way” Allen McClelland, MMR	Ross School Layouts Bill Doll/John Miller
12/12/10	West Westwood U Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Slide Show	Anton Zillich TBD
1/9/11	Central Harmony Lodge – Winton Place	“Structure Building” Bob Lawson	Cinn. Model Rwy Club Sam Swanson
2/13/11	North West Chester Library	“Layout Video Production” Dan Hadley	TBD
3/12/11	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Fresman School	NONE	None Scheduled
4/10/11	East Anderson Sr. Center –Anderson, Oh	“Free-Mo Modules” Dave Keith	Dave Keith John Listermann
4/28 - 5/01/11	MCR Reginal Convention Geneva-on-the-Lake, Oh	Convention Clinics http://www.railsofages.org	Convention Layouts
7/3-9/11	NMRA National Convention Sacramento, CA	Convention Clinics http://www.x2011west.org	Convention Layouts

Easter April 24, 2011 - Mother's Day May 8, 2011 - Father's Day June 19,2010

Updated: 8/10/10

Our Sept. meeting at the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Devou Park is not only at a new venue but also hard to find if your not familiar with the park. Bob Shreve has sent along the following directions to help us find it. Also, see the Map on page 8.

Directions from I-75 Northbound

Take I-75N to the Covington Pike Street/12th Street (MLK Boulevard) exit. Go straight at the stop sign (intersection of the exit & 12th St/MLK Blvd). Make a left at the next light (intersection of the exit & Pike St) and immediately get in the right lane as you go under I-75. Go straight through the light directly on the other side of the I-75 underpass and on the other side of the underpass intersection you will take the next right called Lewis. Lewis is more of a fork right than a sharp right and will immediately take you down a small hill to a stop sign. Go straight at that stop sign. At the following stop sign, veer a little right onto Montague and head up the hill into Devou Park. Make a right at the stop sign at the top of the hill. Make a left at the following stop sign and look for the museum parking sign on the right. The drive will take you around the building to the parking lot in the back. Once parked, walk toward the large glass windows with the trolley behind them. The museum entrance is directly past the trolley, over the trolley tracks and on the right.

Directions from I-75 Southbound

Take I-75S to the Covington Pike Street/12th Street (MLK Boulevard) exit. Make a right at the light at the bottom of the exit (intersection of the exit & Pike St) and then immediately make a right onto Lewis. Lewis is more of a fork right than a sharp right and will immediately take you down a small hill to a stop sign. Go straight at the stop sign. At the following stop sign, veer a little right onto Montague and head up the hill into Devou Park. Make a right at the stop sign at the top of the hill. Make a left at the following stop sign and look for the museum parking sign on the right. The drive will take you around the building to the parking lot in the back. Once parked, walk toward the large glass windows with the trolley behind them. The museum entrance is directly past the trolley, over the tracks on the right.

Competition Results for the June/July Meeting

Models: Hoppers

Box Stock:

- 1st Pl. Perry Simpson B&O Covered Hopper #630645
- 2nd Pl. Perry Simpson Koscos Covered Hopper #104
- 3rd Pl. Georgia Dahlberg Yosemite Valley Hopper #1226

Kit Bashed:

- 1st Pl. Perry Simpson L&N Hopper #73794
- No other entries

Scratch Built:

- No Entries

Photos: B&W/Color Diesel/Steam Locos

Proto Slides:

- No entries

Model Slides:

- No entries

Prototype Prints:

- 1st Pl. Jerry Baston GN #711
- 2nd Pl. Bob Adams NS #5516 at Dry Ridge, Ky
- 3rd Pl. Bob Shreve CSX #251

Model Prints:

- 1st Pl. Jim Rollage UP #3954 at Coaling Tower
- 2nd Pl. Jerry Baston C&O H-8 on CMRC layout
- 3rd Pl. Bob Adams Conrail #7816 on Matt Snell's layout

Competition Results for the August Meeting

Models: Cabooses

Box Stock:

- 1st Pl: Georgia Dahlberg CB&Q #3996
- 2nd Pl: George Roos C&O #90746
- 3rd Pl: Perry Simpson L&N #119

Kitbashed:

- 1st Pl: Jon Barker PRR N6B #1914
- 2nd Pl: Jon Barker PRR NE #119
- 3rd Pl: Tom Overton CN #53
- (Tie) Don Phillips Deep Water & Pineville #10
- Perry Simpson L&N #632

Scratch built:

- 1st Pl: Jon Barker PRR N000 #1910
- No other entries

Photos: Railroad Signs/Signals

Proto Slides:

- No entries

Model Slides:

- No entries

Proto Prints:

- 1st Pl: Bob Adams crossbuck at grade crossing
- 2nd Pl: Bob Adams NS Whistle Post
- 3rd Pl: Bob Adams NS Warning Sign at crossing

Model Prints:

- 1st Pl: Jim Rollage Crossbuck on his layout
- No other entries

2010 Point Standings for the year 2010 (as of Sept. 1st)

Models

Georgia Dahlberg	-12	Tom Brueggeman	-03
Perry Simpson	-10	Bob Lawson	-03
Jon Barker	-08	Michael York	-03
Frank Hermanek	-08	Charlie Atkinson	-02
Don Phillips	-06	George Roos	-02
Bob Chapman	-04	Warren Ossman	-02
Barry Martz	-03	Tom Overton	-01

Photos

Bob Adams	-26
Jim MacKnight	-14
Jim Rollage	-09
Jane Hancock	-07
Jerry Baston	-06
Bob Lawson	-04
Dave Reed	-01
Bob Shreve	-01

Competition Categories for September

Models: Maintenance of Way Rolling Stock

Photos: Passenger Trains

White Elephants at the 2010 Fall Show

I'm back again for any individual Division 7 Members with items they wish to sell, but not enough to justify the cost of a table. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing each individual item with a description and code so I can match it back to you, and your **firm** asking price (I won't negotiate to a lower price). **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below.** If there is more than one of an item, list them separately. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the show before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, calculate how much you get back (The Division will keep 10% of actual sales), and you can, preferably, pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday right after the show closes or after the show at a later meeting. If you need an inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

**Example: FJK - 12
\$10.00**

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the show, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. If you want to help out at some time during the show, let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

White Elephant Extra Sale in 2010

Too Much Stuff, Too Few Tables. I've been asked to dispose of a very large HO collection. There are assembled and weathered cars, car kits from the past 40 years, structure kits, detail parts (mostly freight car and locomotive), and much of it is modern L&N. I'll certainly bring as much as possible to the Show in October, but there is a lot of material that I have not gone through yet. At some point, I'll run a special on all the projects that were "in progress". I will take much of the material to the O Scale Club at Harmony Lodge (Spring Grove Village/Winton Place) on two dates for those interested. I'll have several hundred pieces both days at very attractive prices.

**Thursday, September 9 (4-6pm) - Harmony Lodge
Thursday, October 14 (4-6pm) - Harmony Lodge
October 23-24 - Annual Division 7 Show - Lakota West**

Frank Koch

Diamond Club

Gerry Leone, NMRA Communications Director, reports that scanning has started on the over 100,000 images, negatives, slides, plans and drawings in Kalmbach Library's archives. The project, known as NMRA's Diamond Club will make it possible for users to download high-resolution images for a fee. The initial cost of the project is being paid for by contributions. The goal of \$75,000 has still not been reached but progress will continue as long as the available money lasts. If you would like to contribute, send your check to: The Diamond Club, NMRA 4121 Cromwell Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37421 or do it online at www.nmra.org/diamondclub

Model Railroad Magazines

Mike Brestel reports he was contacted by Galen Woodard of Blue Ash who wants to get rid of his collection of Model RR magazines which he says is approximately three (3) feet high. Galen says the 1st person to call him and offer to pick them up can have them. Here's his address and phone.

Galen Woodard 10005 Kenwood Rd. Blue Ash 513 891-3839

South Park Hobbies Reopens

South Park Hobbies will be open September 1st and will be operated by Dan Pabst. Dan, is a former railroader who has worked for several railroads in the area and is also a long time model railroader and railfan. The new store hours will be noon to 7pm Wednesday and Friday, noon to 8pm Thursday and 10am to 5pm Saturday. The address remains at 208 Bellemonte St. in Middletown and the phone number is 513 424-5124

August Meeting



Dave Read - 7 Years as Company Store



Bruce Knapp - 4 Years as Secretary



Georgia Dahlberg - Merit Award for Scenery



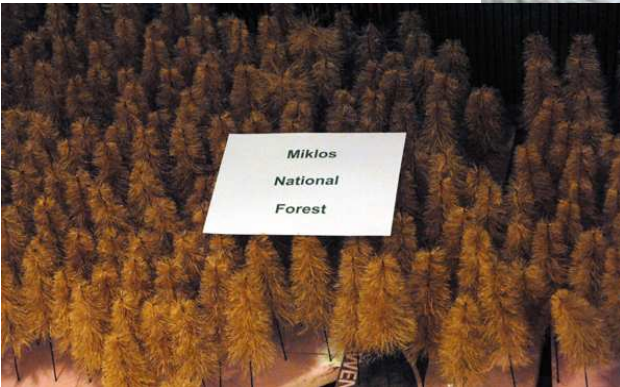
Allen McClelland - August Clinician



**Cincinnati Northern Model RR Club
1st Pl. Modular Group at 2010 National Train Show**

August Layouts

JIM STEWART'S LAYOUT



Miklos
National
Forest



PAUL MIKLOS' LAYOUT

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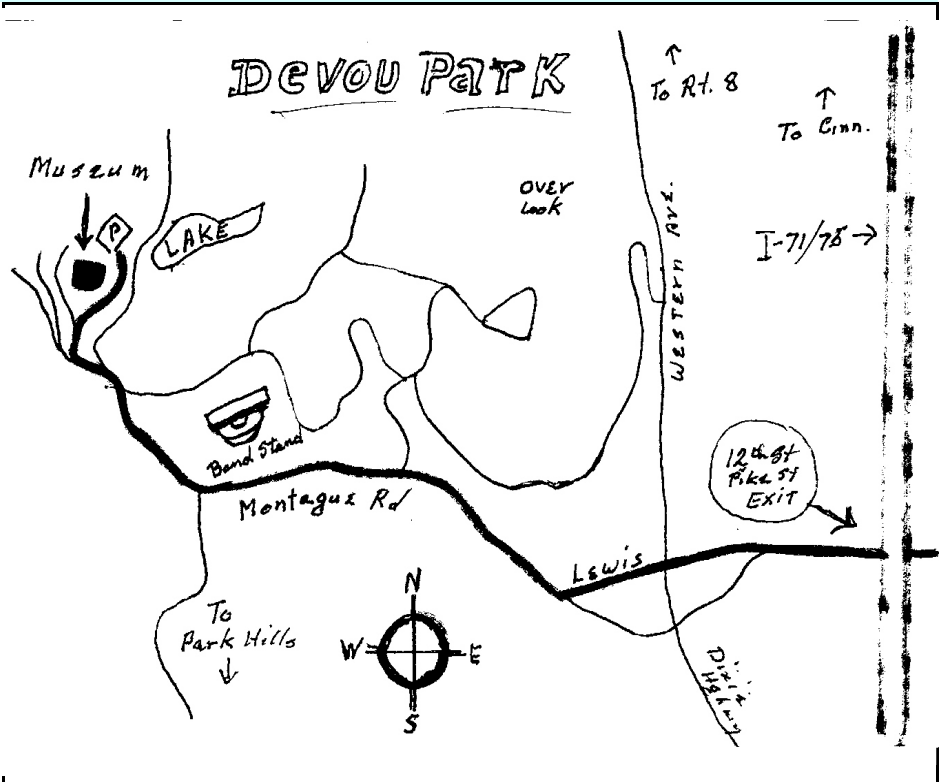
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Next Meeting
2 PM Sunday September 12
 @
Behringer-Crawford Museum
Devou Park

Directions: For directions to the museum in Devou Park, please go to page 3.



Around the Region

2010

- 10/8-10 CIRROPS - Operations Session - Indianapolis, IN
- 10/23-24 Div 7 Annual Fall Train Show - West Chester, OH
- 11/6-7 Div3 Dayton Train Show - Hara Arena, Dayton, OH

2011

- 3/12 Div 7 Spring Flea Market - West Chester, OH
- 4/28-5/01 MCR Regional Convention - Geneva-on-the-Lake

National

2011

- Feb 17-19 Sn3 Symposium - Monrovia, CA
- July 3-9 NMRA National Convention - Sacramento, CA
- Sept 7-10 National Narrow Gauge Convention - Hickory, NC

If you know of any dates not listed here please email the editor.



Knapp's Notes

The Santa Fe's Raton Pass

Well it has begun; I mean the new layout. I have the sub-roadbed in for the yards at Trinidad, Colorado, along with the DCC track bus, the three UPT's, and the throttle bus. You can tell by the terminology that I am using the NCE system. Basically, all the major DCC systems are excellent, I just found the NCE throttles the easiest to use for me. I got to try Digitrax, Lenz, CVP, and NCE at our National Train Show in 1995, plus I had a strong recommendation from Mike Brestel and Gordy Morgan, erg, NCE. So far, I am very happy with the system. The next step for the layout will be adding the roadbed and beginning the trackwork for the main yard and industrial sidings. I will try to remember to document my progress with photos. I would like to thank several people, who have encouraged me, Keith Corman, Merlyn Jarman, John Altshool [my OVGS&SS team], John Burchnall, Dr. Gerry Albers, Don Furnish, Pat Homan, and Dan Miller. I hope to be far enough along to be open for a meeting this spring.

New Products

BLI's new Baldwin Centipedes are in the stores; most of the first run is already sold. I got to see the Centipedes in action in Milwaukee; they were very impressive. I suspect that many of our Pennsy modelers may already have one [or more] on order. BLI is also going to import a later version of Santa Fe's 3800 series 2-10-2. Their first run was typical of these locomotives as they appeared in the 1930's. The new run will have the larger cab, drifting valves, and the disc center driver that were added to the 3800's in the late 1940's. Obviously, I will have to add at least one to my roster. Art Fahie of Bar-Mills, is adding some new kits in HO and N; in fact, Art has asked Randy Kerka to try some of his new N scale products. That's almost like winning our monthly raffle.

Monthly Raffle

Speaking of our monthly raffle, I am keeping an eye on John Shields, to make sure no "hanky-panky" is going on. I am willing to overlook a few irregularities, like me not winning anything in August, or Randy winning. See you in September!

Keep 'em rolling!

Bruce A. Knapp

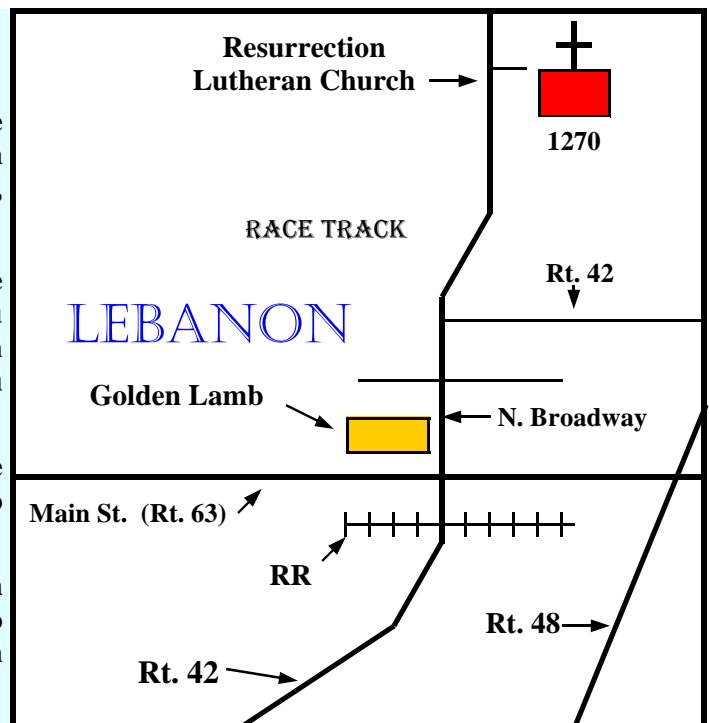
Division 7 Lebanon Sub Meeting

The first meeting of the Lebanon Division 7 Sub will take place at **7:15 PM** September 16 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church 1270 North Broadway in Lebanon, Ohio.

Broadway is the main drag thru Lebanon and if you come into Lebanon on Route 42 from Mason it will lead you right on to Broadway. Once on Broadway, continue North past the Golden Lamb and keep going North until you come to 1270 N. Broadway on your right.

If you come in on Rt. 63 (Main St.), turn Left at the Golden Lamb corner (Broadway) and continue North to the church on your right. (1270 N. Broadway)

From I-71, take the Rt. 48 exit and go North to the Main St. exit (at the bottom of the hill). Go West on Main St. to Broadway and turn Right. Continue North to 1270 on your Right.



THE OIL CAN

Coming Down The Line

Cincinnati Division 7, Mid-Central Region, NMRA
2010 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visit	Contest Topic
SEPT	12	South Behringer-Crawford Museum Devou Park	Bob Weinheimer "Operations on the Pennsylvania	Bob Adams	<u>Models:</u> Mow Rolling Stock <u>Photos:</u> Passenger Trains
SEPT	16 <u>NOTE</u> <u>TIME</u>	North East <u>Sub Meeting</u> Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon, Ohio 7:15 PM	Rock Lane "What's new in the Hobby Shop"	None	<u>Models:</u> Open "Show and Tell" <u>Photos:</u> None
OCT	10	North <u>(New Venue)</u> St. Susanna Church Mason, Ohio	Mike Brestle "West Virginia Coal Lines"	Bob Lawson Sam Parfitt	<u>Models:</u> "Bring-n-Brag" — Structures <u>Photos:</u> Personnel — "Workin' on the Railroad"
OCT	23/24	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	NONE	Show Layouts	No Competition
NOV	14	North West Old Ross School Ross, Ohio	Allen McClelland "Railway right of Ways"	Ross School Layouts Bill Doll John Miller	<u>Models:</u> Box Cars with Graffiti <u>Photos:</u> Trains at Service Facilities
DEC	12	West Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Slide Show	Anton Zillach	<u>Models:</u> Tank Cars <u>Photos:</u> Trains coming out of Tunnels

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As of August 1st, Division 7's membership stands at 293